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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph Vanniasinkam et al.) Group Art Unit: 2877
Application No.: 10/028,419)
Examiner: Kevin C. Kianni
Filed: December 21, 2001)
For: GRATING BASED)
MULTIPLEXER/DEMULITPLEXER)
COMPONENT)

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated October 7, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I - Claims 1-16, and 23 drawn to diffraction grating providing angularly separated beams on the external surface of the diffraction grating, classified in class 385, subclass 37;

Group II - Claims 17-22, drawn to injection molding a part having three sections wherein the diffraction grating is formed in the first section, classified in class 385, subclass 10.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-16 and 23 drawn to diffraction grating providing angularly separated beams on the external surface of the diffraction grating, classified in class 385, subclass 37.

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